



09/722,774

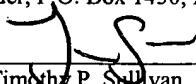
**COPY**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: David Erb et al. Examiner: Lawrence J. Shrader  
Application No.: 09/722,774 Group Art Unit: 2124  
Filed: November 27, 2000 Docket No.: 50037.47US01  
Title: LOSSLESS, CONTEXT-FREE COMPRESSION SYSTEM AND METHOD

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d): I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent via facsimile 703-872-9306, Commissioner for Patents, ATTN: Lawrence J. Shrader, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 30, 2004.

By:   
Name: Timothy P. Sullivan

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

*VIA FACSIMILE #703-872-9306*  
Commissioner for Patents  
ATTN: Lawrence J. Shrader  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment and request for reconsideration is submitted in reply to the final Office Action mailed June 16, 2004. In view of the following amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.